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The Health Education League has made a good start and no doubt in time will evolve a way to come in touch with the people they wish to reach.

TONO-BUNGAY. By H. G. Wells. Duffield & Co., 36 West Thirty-seventh Street, New York.

This book, like the earlier "Kipps" by the same author, is said by literary gossip to be autobiographic. One can scarcely believe, however, that it is other than a fancy sketch. The rise and fall of the famous patent medicine "Tono-Bungay" and the fluctuations it caused in the fortunes of Mr. Edward Ponderevo, his wife, and his nephew give Mr. Wells the chance he dearly loves of showing the British public alternately in the rôles of the humbug and the humbugged. Mr. Wells loves to lift the veil from mysteries and open the closets which hold the family skeleton and generally expose the cheapness of our little game. Business, so long a sealed book to the uninitiated for instance, here becomes a sport of chance—the exploitation of some simple old prescription makes a pathway of gold for Mr. Ponderevo to lead his wife to the land of heart's desire (she prefers a tea gown, a sofa, unlimited subscription to a circulating library, and all the tea cakes she fancies); the mad rush of financiers of the Ponderevo type to get "in with him" once his success becomes apparent, the haste with which they forsake him when misfortune tracks him down once more. Business appears shabby and sordid enough as Mr. Wells shows us the vital processes of its workings. While the book is English, in its essentials it knows no country and no family. The vulgar side of life as shown here is not confined to English class-ridden folk; even in this land of freedom and equality conditions exist that might parallel those in Tono-Bungay.

PRACTICAL DIETETICS, WITH REFERENCE TO DIET IN DISEASE. By Alida Frances Pattee, Graduate Boston Normal School of Household Arts; Late Instructor in Dietetics to Bellevue Training School for Nurses, Bellevue Hospital, New York; Special Lecturer at Bellevue, Mt. Sinai, Hahnemann, and Flower Hospitals, New York City, and St. Vincent de Paul Hospital, Brockville, Ontario. Fifth Edition. 12mo cloth. 300 pages. Price, \$1.00 net. A. F. Pattee, Publisher, 52 West Thirty-ninth Street, New York.

This book has so often been reviewed in these pages that it only needs a call to the reader's attention, as it appears in its fifth edition.